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SUBJECT: LAOS BREAKS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

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1. ISRAELI CHARGE BAR-ON IS STILL HERE AS HE HAS HAD DIFFICULTIES CLEARING EFFECTS OF HIS AID TECHNICIAN THROUGH CUSTOMS. HE NOW PLANS TO LEAVE VIENTIANE SUNDAY, MARCH 7, AND EXPECTS TECHNICIAN TO LEAVE ON MARCH 8.

2. ON REASON FOR BREAK, WE CAN ONLY JOIN HORAM IN HIS SPECULATIONS. THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE ASKED THEM TO, OR THEY MIGHT HAVE JUST ASSUMED THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD BE PLEASED BY SUCH A GESTURE AND MADE THE BREAK WITHOUT ANY SUCH REQUEST. IN ADDITION, THE IRAQI FOREIGN
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MINISTER VISITED VIENTIANE FROM MARCH 1 TO 3 AND THE

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LAO MAY HAVE THOUGHT IT POLITIC TO CLEAR THE ISRAELIS OUT BEFORE THE IRAQUIS ARRIVED. IN THE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING THE VISIT (SEPTEL) THE IRAQUIS PRAISED THE LAO FOR MAKING THE BREAK. ALL IN ALL, FROM THE LAO POINT OF VIEW, THERE WERE MANY REASONS TO BREAK WITH ISRAEL AND FEW NOT TO.

3. WHEN THEY MADE THE BREAK THE LAO, OF COURSE, DID IT INELEGANTLY BY PUSBLISHING A STATEMENT IN THE NEWS-PAPER BEFORE INFORMING BAR-ON.
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